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## **SUPER STAR PARTY**

**Penitentiary Glen Reservation • August 13 • 8 pm to midnight**  
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There are billions of stars in galaxies far, far away – and very close – that make up our universe. Spend an evening with us and journey across space to learn about the stars of our galaxy, including our very own, at the annual Super Star Party on August 13 from 8 pm to midnight. Stargazers of all ages can experience the wonder of the night sky through planetarium shows, star gazing, guided night hikes, a craft and more. Observe the planets and stars with telescopes and guidance from the amateur astronomers of Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society. All aboard for a ride on a miniature steam engine provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers. Ride times are selected at registration.

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- Wild animal shows
- Craft, scavenger hunts and more
- The Nature Store (selling Star Wars and glow-in-the-dark merchandise)
- Popcorn, soda, and snacks for purchase

Don't forget your light sabers! Star Wars is a classic for all ages and we would love to see who your favorite characters are. Wear your favorite Star Wars costume and join in on the fun!

The Super Star Party runs rain or shine. All outdoor activities are weather permitting.

Advanced registration is required. Adults and children ages two and older are \$5. Children younger than 2: free. All participants will receive a glow necklace indicating your train time ride; which is selected at time of registration. Visit lakemetroparks.com or call 440-358-7275 or 800-669-9226 to register.

Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located at 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd in Kirtland. Take I-90 to Rt. 306 south for about one mile. Turn left onto Rt. 615. Turn right (east) onto Kirtland-Chardon Road and continue for two miles. Penitentiary Glen Reservation is located on the right (south) side of the road.



## Mentor CityFest bigger and better

Mentor CityFest is bigger and better this year with added attractions and interactive games for kids and adults.

The event will be held at Mentor Civic Center Park on August 26th & 27th and will feature two stages with nonstop entertainment. Musical headliners will include Lost State of Franklin, Disco Inferno, Caliber, and Parrots of the Caribbean.

Other live entertainment will include The Amazing Giants, Cooking Caravan and magician Matt Jergens as well as Boston-based, Flippenout.

Noted muralist George Kozman will create a 8' x 20' artscape. Attendees will be able to join in to help create a community mural too.

Visitors will find an assortment of delicious foods from over 20 vendors plus scheduled wine and beer tasting from great local breweries.

The Ice Arena will host its own schedule of activities including "Ignite the Ice" skating parties and bubble soccer.

The long running Mentor CityFest Parade is one of the biggest in the county.

The popular Color Dash & Walk is coming back for a second year. Last year, over 400 runners participated in this 2.5-mile fun run and walk, which starts & finishes at Mentor CityFest. The route features seven different color zones to leave you festively decorated, flat terrain along the Civic Center bike path, and lots of encouragement in a fun, friendly

environment.

The Inaugural Park Ohio SuperBoat Grand Prix is a part of this year's CityFest celebration. Race related activities will be held at Great Lakes Mall on August 26th and 27th. Families will get the chance to touch-a-boat and meet the race teams. Then, get ready for the roar off the shore as over 30 super boats race along Mentor Headlands Beach State Park Sunday, the 28th. Admission to both CityFest and boat race are free.

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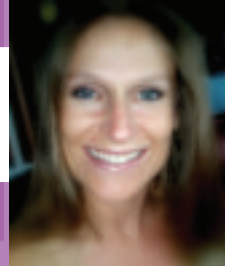


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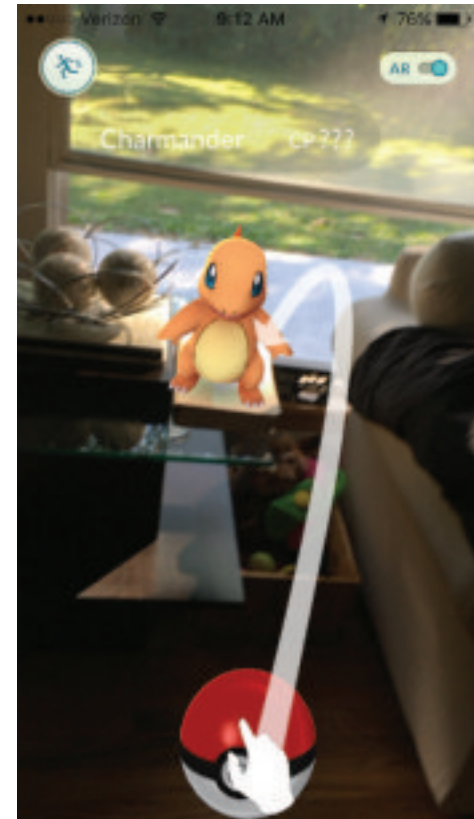
## Pokemon Go Have Fun with Your Kids!

I'm not a technology person. My oldest (well, all of my children) will tell you that. My issues start with just a remote control. Yes. I'm that person who hates anything having to do with upgrades or fancy doo-dad technology. And, yes, it's because I don't really understand it. So, as you can imagine, back when I had an analog phone still and had to go to digital, oh my! It was a slight crisis. My husband at the time had no idea why I was hemming and hawing; trade the phone in or not get cell phone service in our area. But, I still took an hour in the to decide when really there was only one decision available.

Later on in years, when I was in business for myself and needed a bit more, I went to a smart phone. Back then it was a Blackberry, and you know that I hung onto that forever, for fear I'd miss my buttons! Until I bought a Mac and realized, Apple was my best option so it would sync to my iPhone. But you did not want to see me hemming and hawing over that! Wow, I must've asked my iPhone friend users a thousand questions (each) and then borrowed theirs so I could see how my flat-screen typing skills would be. Let's just say, it was a learning curve, but I did it, I bought an iPhone 4! What a big step.

Since I don't like new technology and can be considered a little 'frugal' (hey, why spend money if you don't have to!?) I've held onto that iPhone (4) since I got it (which was many, many years ago, and probably even then I was the very last one to get on the boat). It worked, it sufficed, why get rid of it.

Well, it would so happen that this spring my iPhone 4 wouldn't keep a charge for longer than- oh- let's say about three or four hours. And, nope, not while in use - that was on standby. Yeah, I'd say for a busy mom, that's a problem. Surely I was in denial. I bought an external charger, carried my cord everywhere and eventually I was obsessed with looking for wall plugs, or other people for a



charged cell phone... Sadly, it was time.

Before this (and of course while in denial) you could hear me chant, "I love my phone and it works *just fine!*" I'm not getting rid of it!". You remember, I'm cheap...I mean *frugal and don't like new fang dangled technology.* One day, I was done. Down to just a couple hour charge, and couldn't even make it through a work day I knew it was dying, so I did it. I went to a VZ store after a full day of work... yeah- you know I was desperate.

Where is all of this leading? Well, remember when I said I don't like new technology? I may have changed my mind. Since getting my new iPhoneSE I am having so much fun! I do Applepay which is quicker, I have speaking GPS now which is safer and I have so much room for my photos that I am challenging myself to fill it but haven't yet! My kids

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## Should schools reinforce cursive writing skills?

Cursive writing lessons were once mandatory in schools. Many adults can remember cursive writing lessons on lined paper and time spent practicing this aesthetically appealing style of writing.

But thanks to technology and a growing reliance on computers to complete school assignments, handwriting skills are no longer stressed as much as they once were. In fact, some children never receive cursive writing instruction.

The absence of cursive writing lessons has led to a heated debate. Some people feel cursive writing is archaic and a waste of time, while others believe it is a relevant skill. Here is a look at both sides of the debate.

### The pros of cursive writing

Various experts and educators have weighed in on the lasting benefits of cursive handwriting. Here are just a few of the benefits proponents of cursive writing point to.

- Cursive writing stimulates the brain. "Cursive writing helps train the brain to integrate visual and tactile information, and fine motor dexterity," Dr. William

Klemm said in an article in *Psychology Today*. The skills developed from learning cursive writing cannot be replaced by using a keyboard. In addition, MRIs have revealed an interesting relationship between handwriting and the brain. The brains of people with good handwriting are more active in areas associated with cognition, language and executive function than the brains of those with poor handwriting.

- Cursive writing may promote focus. Writing things down by hand forces a person to slow down and formulate his or her thought. Handwritten notes may hold the advantage over computer-typed notes in terms of recollection of facts.

- Cursive writing may help students with dyslexia. Dyslexia is a language processing disorder that can hinder reading, writing, spelling and sometimes even speaking. According to the International Dyslexia Association, when writing cursive, the words jotted down become a unit, rather than a series of separate strokes, and that may contribute to better spelling. And since all lowercase cursive letters begin on the line, fewer of them



are likely to be reversed.

### The cons of cursive writing

There are various reasons why people think lessons in cursive writing are unnecessary.

- Cursive writing is only used in signatures. Cursive writing is seldom used except for signatures. Even then, e-signing and online transactions have removed the need to write in cursive.

- Typing on a keyboard should take precedence. Many parents and educators believe that cursive writing lessons do little to prepare young students for an in-

creasingly digital world. Such opponents of cursive writing suggest keyboarding lessons should take precedence over teaching handwriting skills. Teachers have admitted that cursive writing lessons take a lot of time, and many simply cannot devote classroom time to them.

- Digital texts make it obsolete. Some argue that those who do not know how to read in cursive can never understand historical texts or early manuscripts. However, so much has been transcribed into digital texts that this argument is seen by many as outdated.



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# Do Laptops Help Students In Class?



by Carole Richards

I'm not suggesting all computer learning is bad, but we need rethink when and where laptops and other devices should be used, or banned.

"I'm banning laptops from my classroom," says professor Stuart Green, Rutgers Law School. His reasoning is sound and convinces me that that technology is not always good for learning. Professor Green moves from the front of his classroom to the rear to observe his students. He found students:

- Emailing, texting, and posting on social media, looking at YouTube videos and shopping.
- Watching sports events during the entire class session.
- Checking out job sites.

Professor Green says he can only imagine what goes on when he's up front during a lecture.

Common sense suggests that students taking notes on a computer, have a lower understanding of class discussion. And these students tend to create a transcript of his lecture rather than synthesizing the information.

In a recent study, students who had a direct view of a multi-tasking classmate scored lower on a test compared to those who were not. The students near the multi-tasker were also affected by technology.

In our office, when I ask one of our staff to call a client, often he or she chooses to communicate by email or text. I believe that a phone call is usually more effective because personal contact is so important.

I read an article about the reasons online education entrepreneurs fail. It was interesting because two that I know about ... have recently failed. Could it be because something is missing from online learning? Could it be the personal attention and relationships with a teacher? I believe personal relationships are critical in education and business.



The personal relationship of student/teacher is an important part of learning. When students feel connected, rewarded and praised, they flourish and are more successful. I know technology, the internet, and online learning are all here to stay. But I know that we must question whether this technology will ever replace a competent, caring, sensitive, and creative teacher.

It's something to think about sometime when you are not online!

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Children and their families are invited to "Be Our Guest" for a classic tale of inner beauty and love. The Disney classic "Beauty and the Beast" as presented by The Fine Arts Association will delight families throughout the holiday season beginning on November 25. Performances run on weekends through December 18.

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For complete information and to order tickets for the 2016-2017 Theatre Season, visit [fineartsassociation.org](http://fineartsassociation.org) or call Fine Arts at 440-951-7500.

The Fine Arts Association is located at 38660 Mentor Avenue in Willoughby. Fine Arts is barrier free. Secure on-site parking is free. Sign interpreted performances are available on specific dates.

The 2016-2017 Modern Classic Series is sponsored by Cornerstone IT and supported in part by a grant from The Lake County Visitors Bureau Arts and Culture Fund. The Fund's purpose is to further participation in, and awareness of, arts and culture in Lake County. Funding is also received from the Ohio Arts Council.

Additional 2016-2017 production sponsors include Andrews Osborne Academy, Breckenridge Village, Carnegie Investment Counsel, Dental Specialists of Lake County, Dr. Bradley Kmentt, D.D.S, M.S.D., Lake National Bank, Vintage Development Group, and The Women's Committee of The Fine Arts Association.

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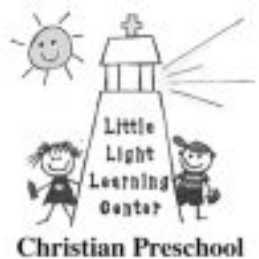
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# Steps to choosing the right preschool

Kindergarten used to mark a child's first foray into formal education. But preschool has now taken up that mantle for many students.

Some parents may recall their own preschool experiences, mostly remembering extended moments of play and more monitored fun inside the school. But as the world of education has become more competitive, and students are required to meet certain standards at even earlier grade levels than before, preschool has undergone its own transformation.

Academic preschools have become a popular choice for parents hoping their children can gain that extra edge. Rather than the play-based philosophy preschools adhered to in the past, academic preschools introduce students to the rigors of the classroom. These academic preschools often teach math and reading. Proponents of this type of learning say that children are sponges at early ages, and the more information they can be presented with, the more they are likely to retain it. Children who are able to sit and focus for 20 to 30 minutes at a time and are very curious and ask a lot of questions may make for the best candidates at academic-based preschools. Other children may be more comfortable attending play-based schools.

While parents who hope to enroll their students in



preschool may have to choose between a play- or academic-based curriculum, there are other factors to consider as well.

- **Is proximity to your home important?**

Some parents prefer that their children's preschools be close to home, while others want a school closer to their office. If your commute to work is long, then keep in mind that children will spend more time at a preschool close to home, which can cost more and reduce the amount of time parents and their children spend together.

- **Should the school be faith-based?** Religious organizations frequently offer their own faith-based preschool programs. Parents will have to decide if they want a faith-based curriculum for their young children.

- **Are pre- and post-care services available?** A school that has flexible hours may be appealing to some. This enables parents to drop off and pick up children according to their own work schedules or in coordination with school hours for other children in the family.

- **Visit the school and assess the environment.** A school may look excellent on paper, but you will not get a feel for it until visiting the school during a school day. Take your child along and get his or her opinion. Parents may love a particular school, but if kids are uncomfortable, the school may prove ineffective.

- **Confirm the curriculum before enrolling.** Schools

Some preschools are modifying their educational philosophies to attract a more diverse array of students.



may have different educational philosophies. These can run the gamut from the Montessori Method to the Waldorf Approach to the High/Scope Approach. Familiarize yourself with a school's educational philosophy so you can be sure you are making the most informed decision possible.

- **Go with your gut.** Sometimes choosing a preschool boils down to a facility that just feels right. At this stage in a child's education, schooling is about learning social skills and growing acclimated to the routines of the classroom.

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## Tent camping at Lake Metroparks Spend the night in a park!

In an effort to provide more opportunities to enjoy our parks, Lake Metroparks offers tent camping so campers may experience unique natural features and the great outdoors.

Campsites offer a "primitive" experience for small groups of up to eight people staying in tents. Campers must hike or paddle to the campsites. The sites are set back from the developed areas of the parks from about ¼-mile to more than a mile. Each location is different, with only one or two campsites per park to provide a quiet, intimate natural experience—much different than crowded campgrounds. The paddle-in sites may require a 3- to 8-mile paddle by canoe or kayak to reach the campsite. The idea is to paddle a stretch of the Grand river, spend the night under the stars and then paddle another stretch the next day.

Each site has a designated area to pitch a tent, a place to build a fire, a grill and a picnic table. The sites do not have restrooms, running water or trash cans. Campers are expected to practice a "leave no trace" camping ethic including carrying in and carrying out all supplies



and trash, with the goal of leaving the area better than it was found.

**For more details on the rules and regulations for camping in Lake Metroparks visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com). To reserve a site or for more information, call the registration Department at 440-358-7275.**

Campsites are located at Baker Road Park, Hidden Lake, Lake Erie Bluffs (second campsite added Spring 2016), Riverview Park and Penitentiary Glen Reservation and are available May 2 – November 30)

- River Road Park (available May 2 – Labor Day)
- Girdled Road Reservation (available year-round)

Organized group camping sites (for scouts and youth groups) are available year-round; call 440-358-7275 for information.

## Last Stop Willoughby Parade set for August 20th

The Heart of Willoughby is pleased to announce that the Grand Marshall of this year's parade is Caroline Burns. Anyone who watches the NBC vocal competition show called "The Voice" will recall this talented singer from Season 10 who wowed the judges with her incredible talent. Caroline is 16 years old and has an amazing voice that carried through the competition's knockout rounds earlier this year. Leading up to being a finalist on "The Voice", Carolyn has been singing, dancing and acting from an early age. She began posting music videos on her YouTube channel when she was seven years old and now has over 15,000 subscribers. Caroline has also performed the National Anthem at many nationally televised events, including Boston Celtic games and the Nascar Sprint Cup Series.

Although currently residing in Hollis, New Hampshire, Caroline has roots that extend all the way back to Willoughby. Her mother, Rhonda, is a 1985 gradu-



ate of Lake Catholic High School. Her grandparents, Terry and Elaine Reagan, are long-time Willoughby residents and her uncle, T.J. Reagan is the founder of the Willoughby Brewing Company and owner of the soon-to-open BRIM Restaurant and Brewery in Downtown Willoughby. After the parade, we invite all to hear Caroline sing when she performs in the Gazebo in Downtown Willoughby at 4:30 pm on Saturday, August 20. You can follow Caroline on YouTube at [carolineclarkburns](http://carolineclarkburns) and on Instagram at [carrieclarkburns](http://carrieclarkburns).

# Beautiful Baby & Cutest Kid Contest

**TO ENTER:** Simply mail or drop off a current photo of your child along with the entry form and \$19 to: The News-Herald Beautiful Baby Contest, 7085 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094. All photos along with the first name and age of the child and the first names of the parents will be published in a special Beautiful Baby section on August 11, 2016 and will appear online at [www.News-Herald.com](http://www.News-Herald.com).

**VOTING:** Money raised by voting (\$1 per vote) will go to Clothe-A-Child.

**WINNERS:** Each category winner receives a special

prize package. Names and photos of winners will be published Thursday, August 25, 2016. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return of photo. Current photos must be submitted by parents or legal guardian and should be wallet size or larger. Photos may be picked up between Sept. 13th & Oct. 25th. The News-Herald is not responsible for photos that are not picked up by Oct. 27th. The News-Herald employees and their families are not eligible. The News-Herald is not responsible for lost photos.

**Deadline  
for entries is  
August 5th!**

**Category:**  Newborn-12 mos.  13-24 mos.  25 mos.-3 yrs.  4-7 yrs.

Child's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:**  MasterCard  Visa  Discover  AMEX  Check/Money Order

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sec Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize The News-Herald to publish this photo & the child's first name in this special feature.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: The News-Herald Baby Contest, 7085 Mentor Ave., Willoughby, OH 44094**

## MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

6111 Middle Ridge Road  
Madison, OH 44057  
(440) 428-2189  
[www.madison-library.info](http://www.madison-library.info)

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** Saturday, August 13 from 9:00am – 5:00pm  
A bag of books for \$1 today!

**Monday, August 15**

*Sign-ups begin for Fall Storytimes!*

*Sign up online or call the library at 428-2189.*

### Super Mega Awesome Thursdays

(SMAT) Thursday, August 18 from 3:30 – 6:00pm Come and learn a new RPG or board game or bring your favorites and challenge your friends to some friendly competition. This new group focuses on social, card, and board games. Core RPG books and many board games provided by the library as well as experienced players demonstrating new games monthly.

**Tail Waggin Tutors** Thursday, August 18 starting at 6:30pm Any child is welcome to come and read (or show pictures in a book) to one of our certified therapy dogs. These animals are a wonderful boost for children struggling to read and a fun motivator for all children to learn to read! Register online or just stop by and see if a dog is available for your child.

**Open Gaming** Mondays starting August 22 from 3:00 – 5:30pm Come enjoy video games, board games, trading card games, and friendly competition. Gaming consoles and board games provided. Bring your own trading card decks and handheld games. Gaming programs bring kids together with like interests and builds children's self-esteem, motor skills and encourage collaborative and creative thinking skills.

**Young Child Storytime** on Tuesdays beginning on August 23 at 9:30am & 10:30am This storytime is for children who are just beginning to be able to sit and listen to stories. There is free play before and after this program.

**Preschool Storytime** starting on Thursdays August 25 at 10:30am & 11:30am This storytime is for children who are ready to sit on their own and listen to stories. Caregivers need to remain in the children's area during the program.

**Baby Toddler Storytime** starting on Fridays on August 26 from 10:30am AND 11:30am Attending with caregiver. This



small group setting is a great way to introduce babies to the library and other children their own age.

### MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### Main Library

8215 Mentor Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-8811

#### Mentor-on-the-Lake

5642 Andrews Rd.  
Mentor-on-the-Lake, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2512

#### Headlands

4669 Corduroy Rd.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 257-2000

[www.mentor.lib.oh.us](http://www.mentor.lib.oh.us)

#### Make a Craft

Monday, Aug.1 Main Branch in the Children's Department Kid can stop by the Children's Department any time throughout the day (while supplies last) and get creative with one of the library's monthly crafts. No registration is necessary.

#### National Coloring Day

Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Department In celebration of National Coloring Day, the MPL Children's Department will provide bookmarks and coloring sheets for kids to color and take home. While supplies last. All are welcome.

#### Fairy Yoga

Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Read House Lawn Enjoy a magical, fairy-themed where children can learn about yoga. A healthy snack is provided and kids can make a fairy craft to take home.

#### Comics Club

Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Children,

eight to 12 years old, are invited to join the Comics Club to read, discuss, and make their own comics. Club members will meet the first Tuesday of every month. Registration is required.

#### American Girl Book Club

Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 4 p.m. Meet Samantha. Main Branch in the Children's Story Room Girls between the ages of six and 12 years old meet once a month for a craft and a snack for each of the historical American Girl dolls. Each month will focus on a different doll. Be sure to read "Meet Samantha" before this program. Registration is necessary each month.

#### Time Travelers' Club

Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Teens can join us each month as we try out games, crafts, and other activities that were popular in the past. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

#### Minecraft Club

Thursday, Aug. 4, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the James R. Garfield Room Join the library's Minecraft Club where you can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for children from ages eight to 12. Registration is required.

#### End of Summer Reading Party

Thursday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. Read House Lawn Kids can see if they won any prizes, while playing carnival games and celebrating the conclusion of Summer Reading.

### Get ready, get set, BLOW UP, and read!

Saturdays, Aug. 6 and 13, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Have fun, get some fresh air, and do science experiments that will make stuff blow up.

#### Rhyme Time

Tuesdays, Aug. 9 and 23, at 10:30 a.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Children, ages six months to five years, are welcome to attend themed Rhyme Times with stories, songs and a craft. The theme is "Pirates" on Aug. 9 and "Zany Zoo Animals" on Aug. 23.

#### Drone Zone at the Library

Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 9-11, at 4 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Keep an eye on the sky, there are drones in the library! Kids can learn how to pilot a minidrone and even try their hands at maneuvering it through an obstacle course and race track. Ages eight through 12. Parents should stay in the room. One session per child. Registration is required for all three sessions.

#### Duct Tape Crafts

Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Create some fun duct-tape crafts at the library.

#### LEGOmania

Saturday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Stop by the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch to get creative with the library's Legos. Each session will feature a theme, but kids are free to build whatever they want. All ages are welcome, but children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Preschool Dance Party: Remix!

Monday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. Main Branch in the Village Room Summer might be almost over, but that doesn't mean you have to stop moving. It's time for a preschool dance party! Kids (ages three to six, along with their parents) can come to the library for an afternoon of dancing, moving and grooving. Registration is required.

#### Ice Age: Volcano Meltdown

Monday, Aug. 15, at 5 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Ever wondered what it felt like to live in the Ice Age? Find out and help make a small, exploding ice volcano outside the Lake Branch. Be sure you wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

#### Paws to Read

Wednesday, Aug. 17 First session starts at 6:30 p.m. Second session starts at 7:00 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch

Kids who are able to read independently are invited to sign up for a 30-minute session. Children will be paired with a gentle dog that is licensed and trained to be a good listener. This event will fill quickly. Registration begins two weeks before each session.

### Clashing Controllers

Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Get your game on. Challenge your friends at this monthly video game tournament held at the Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

### Friends of Mentor Library Book Sale

Saturday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Read House Buy as many used books as you can fit into a bag for five dollars. This book sale is open to the public and located at the Read House, just east of the Main Library. Parking is at the Main Library lot.

### Lake Branch Minecraft Club

Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch You can mine, explore and share strategies in the wide world of Minecraft at MPL's Lake Branch. Each session will feature a new challenge. Kids must bring their own charged laptop, tablet or mobile device and have an active Minecraft account. The club is for kids from fourth through eighth grade. Registration is required. Every child that attends will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize at the end of the year.

### Let's go Lego Club

Saturday, Aug. 20, at 2 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Kids can get creative with Lego bricks, either following a monthly theme or doing their own thing. The library will supply the Lego and Duplo bricks, so kids only need to bring their imagination. Children younger than eight must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary.

### Secret Garden Social

Monday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Mentor-on-the-Lake Branch Kids can create a Secret Garden all their own. Come to the library for food, games, and a craft all about the Secret Garden.

### Color Me Headlands

Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. Mentor Headlands Branch Looking for some quiet time? Come to the Headlands Branch for a calm evening of coloring. Bring the family. Supplies provided.

### MORLEY LIBRARY

184 Phelps St.  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 352-3383

[www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org)

*Thank you to all of our wonderful patrons for another successful and fun Summer Reading Program at Morley Library! Winners are posted on our website at [www.morleylibrary.org](http://www.morleylibrary.org) and prizes may be picked up at the Children's Desk through Sept. 30th.*

Fall Storytime registration will begin on Tuesday, September 6th and storytimes will run for 7 weeks starting on Monday, September 12th. The Children's Fall Event Calendar will be ready for viewing in late August, 2016 and also available on the Morley Library website.

Stop by and visit the Morley Library Kids Booth at Kids Day at the Lake County Fair under the Grandstand from 1:00 – 3:00 PM on Friday, August 19th.

### WICKLIFFE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1713 Lincoln Road, Wickliffe, Oh 44092  
(440) 944-6010

[www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us](http://www.wickliffe.lib.oh.us)

### Are You Ready?! Back to School Game Show (School Age)

Thursday, August 4 at 10:00am Children completed Kindergarten through 4th Grade, gather your friends and join us for an exciting back-to-school challenge game. Kids will play in teams based on the grade they will be entering and will try to answer age appropriate questions. Registration required.

### Storybook Theatre (Families)

Fridays at 10:30 am, August 5-September 30 Spend a relaxing Friday morning at the library watching classic storybooks come to life. Bring your pillow or a blanket to get cozy and enjoy a small snack. All ages are welcome; movies are geared for 3-8 year olds. No registration necessary.

### Tales for a Dog: (Kindergarten & up)

Come share a story with a certified therapy dog. Saturday, August 6 @ 9:30 or 10:00 AM Registration required.

### Lego Club: (Kindergarten & up)

Stop by for some building challenges and fun! Saturday, August 13 @ 2:00 PM Registration required.

### 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

This independent, self-paced program is designed to develop and encourage good reading habits and develop early literacy skills in children from birth to Kindergarten. Call or stop by the Chil-

## Foosball FabLab at Morley Library



*Sisters Skylar and Taylor Blatnik look forward to facing off with their homemade foosball tables at home!*



Twins ages 9-12 had a blast at the Foosball Fablab on Saturday, July 16th at Morley Library. Sticking with the Summer Reading theme of sports with "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" the tweens learned about the history of foosball, also called table football. Then they used shoe boxes, wooden dowl rods, and clothespins to create their own homemade foosball tables. After using markers to decorate them, the tweens played foosball against each other. The tweens were excited to show other friends and siblings how to make these homemade foosball tables at home!

dren's desk for more information.

### Tween Time (5th-8th grade)

Every Wednesday after school @ 2:30pm, beginning August 17. If no special theme is advertised, join us for snacks, socializing, and fun activities.

### August 24: Tie Dye Anything!

Registration required only for themed programs. Stop by the Children's desk or call 440-944-6010 to register by phone.

### Ice Cream Social & Musical Performance

Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM Enjoy a tasty ice cream sundae while listening to the music of Erie Heights Brass Ensemble! Weather permitting, we'll be on the front lawn of the library. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Registration required.

### WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Eastlake Public Library  
36706 Lake Shore Blvd.

Eastlake, OH 44095

(440) 942-7880 x. 105

Willoughby Public Library  
30 Public Sq.

Willoughby, OH 44094

(440) 942-3200 x. 104

### Willowick Public Library

263 E. 305 St.

Willowick, OH 44095

(440) 943-4151 x. 116

(440) 516-0843 TTY

### Willoughby Hills Public Library

35400 Chardon Rd.

Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

(440) 942-3362

[www.welibrary.info](http://www.welibrary.info)

### LEGO Club

We provide the LEGOs, you provide the imagination in our LEGO club!

Saturday, August 13 (All ages), 2-3:30 pm  
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square,  
440-942-3200

Saturday, August 20 (All ages), 1:30-3 pm  
Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd.,  
440-942-7880

### Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon & Trading Card Game Card Night

Bring your friends and your common MtG, Pokemon, Yu-Gi-Oh, WoW cards to the Willoughby Library. Please leave your favorite/rare cards at home so they don't get lost. (Grades 6-12) (Ages 11-18). Tuesday, August 16, 6-8:30 pm  
Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square,

440-942-3200

### Movie Night at the Hills

Watch movies recently released on DVD on the big screen with free popcorn.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with the movie starting at 6 pm. Outside snacks & drinks permitted. All ages welcome!

Wednesday, August 17, 6-7:30 pm, Movie: To Be Announced

Willoughby Hills Library, 35400 Chardon Rd., 440-942-3362

### Willoughby Otaku Anime Club

Join fellow Otaku at the Willoughby Library to watch anime, discuss anime and manga and draw your own characters. You can even cosplay if you'd like. Refreshments will be served. (Ages 13 and up).

Saturday, August 20, 1-4 pm

Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

### Young & Restless

Join our popular music and movement class with shakers, bubbles, the parachute and more. (Ages 2-4). Registration begins August 8. Program runs August 22-September 15.

Mondays 6:30 pm, Thursdays 10 am, Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

Tuesdays 6:30 pm, Wednesdays 10 or 10:45 am, Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

Wednesdays 10 or 11 am, 6:30 pm, Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

### OMG! Do You Believe What They Did

### on The Walking Dead?

Come to the Willoughby Library and join us in our version of "Talking Dead!" (Ages 13 and up).

Tuesday, August 23, 7-8:30 pm

Willoughby Library, 30 Public Square, 440-942-3200

### Teen Art Club

Do you love to create art but never get the chance? Join other art-loving teens for Art Club where we will focus on a different artist or style each session. (Grades 6-12) (Ages 11-18).

Thursday, August 25, 6:30-8:30 pm

Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

### Barks for Books

Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! (Grades K-5).

Saturday, August 27, 9:30 or 10 am (Choose one time slot)

Eastlake Library, 36706 Lake Shore Blvd., 440-942-7880

### College Planning 101: Finding the Perfect College Fit

Join Patty Saddle, President of The College Planning Center, to learn how to determine your best college fit. Topics will include researching your options, private vs. public colleges, college visits & admissions interviews, weighing standard vs. early admission and how to make your college application stand out. Parents and teens welcome.

Tuesday, August 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

Willowick Library, 263 E. 305 St., 440-943-4151

# THREE-ACRE CORN MAZE

## LAKE METROPARKS FARM PARK

August 19 through October 16

9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday through Sunday

Weather and field conditions permitting

Theme: Corny Olympics

Show off your skills as you make your way through the through multiple twists and turns in the three-acre corn maze. A play area is located near the entrance of the maze including an assortment of farm-themed character cutouts to provide great photo opportunities.

To check the conditions of the maze and/or to make school or group reservations, call 440-256-2122 or 800-366-FARM.

The corn maze is included with regular Farmpark admission.

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are shocked I took the leap but they're happy. Don't let them fool you (me) I know that behind my back they are really saying 'We told her so'. You know what? I love things that make life more efficient, but have always shied away from technology. This move might have been a forced one, but it was a good one, because there is another perk. While I do consider myself frugal, I also consider myself fun!

Pokemon Go was released recently. No, I'm not a gamer, but I love learning about what my kids are doing. I've been educating myself on it by reading and it didn't seem horrible. It actually seemed kind of fun! But I wasn't really interested in doing it...at first. Then, while I was texting my kids who are away with their dad, I found some funny news headlines and memes to share with them about Pokemon Go. It was cracking me up. The more we all laughed about it, the more I wanted to try it. I didn't tell them, about my next techy leap.

I don't recommend downloading the Pokemon Go app without supervision parents. I did, but it wasn't easy, because I'm a mess with that sort of thing. But if you do download it, don't do it without Pokemon radar and Pokemon manuals. (YES! My phone can NOW handle more than 2 new apps! YAY!) You don't just want to play with your kids, you also want to know *how* to play! I know, crazy right? Mom playing Pokemon Go?

In a horribly grim time in America, with so many tragedy and hate headlines on TV and in the news, how silly,

and maybe even a little insensitive, to follow along with a fad game. But honestly, I've been so sad since Dallas, and it just keeps getting worse, that a really good belly laugh with my kids that night went a long way. So, I got the app and we have been playing.

The real stuff isn't going away, my reality is still here; my involvement in the dialogue or showing of kindness to others...my clear knowledge that there needs to be some more work done in this country and that we must be the solution *has not at all gone away*. It just alleviated the sadness for a moment so that I might get the chance to sit down and relax and enjoy my dinner with a smile and have some laughs with my kids. Kids play to decompress, parents should do it *more*.

We aren't blind to what's going on in the world. We care. How could you not. But on the off moment (or in between headlines and heavy discussions, even tears) laughter helps. They say it's a kind of medicine for the soul, right? *Playing* is also good for the soul. While grown-ups should always come back to reality, because we have responsibilities, sometimes we should take time out to decompress and have a good time.

Today, in the light of all that we, and our children, are seeing in the world, please take a moment (or a few) to hold their hand, talk about the ways we can help, get active and get involved... and then, out and find a Charmander.

For more fun parenting tips visit us at [www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com](http://www.familymatterswithamber.blogspot.com)



## Teddy Bear Picnic at Madison Library

Teddy bears and their owners march around to the Teddy Bear Picnic song

The annual Teddy Bear Picnic was held earlier this month. Teddy bears and their owners came to the Madison Public Library to listen to stories, dance, and of course, eat lunch. Everyone marched around the yard to the "Teddy Bear Picnic" song, and the bears even did some bear-obics, exercises for bears only. For more information on upcoming children's summer programs call 440-428-2189 or [www.madison-library.info](http://www.madison-library.info)



# August

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Contact Us!** Do you have a special event or meeting you'd like to be listed in our community calendar? If so, please email your information to [countykids@news-herald.com](mailto:countykids@news-herald.com). Submissions should be 65 words or less. We reserve the right to edit any information prior to publication.

is \$10 per team. Noon Veterans Park on the square in Painesville. Must register by August 3. Call 440-392-5912

### **AUGUST 4 CHARDON KIDSFEST & FLEA MARKET**

KidsFest offers a safe day of fun games and activities for kids of all ages. Activities include a pizza eating contest, tug-of-war, Plinko, a dunk tank, face painting, cupcake decorating and more! All games and activities are free of charge. Historic Chardon Square 100 Short Court Chardon. Thursday, August 4th at 10:00 am

### **AUGUST 6 FINE ARTS COFFEEHOUSE SERIES MAYOR DAVE ANDERSON & THE SOUNDS OF WILLOUGHBY**

Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a casual, fun evening of java, munchies and music. Marous Brothers Outdoor Stage at The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 FREE Admission; Charge for refreshments Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) for further information.

### **AUGUST 6 MUTT STRUT**

Penitentiary Glen Reservation 8668 Kirtland-Chardon Road - Kirtland 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Lake Humane Society invites you to their 22nd Annual Mutt Strut, a pledge walk and day of fun for the whole family.

### **AUGUST 6 FAMILY FUN FACTOR**

Is your family up for the challenge? Join Painesville Rec in their first ever Family Fun Factor Challenge. Family members will compete in various events to test your skills. Open to ages 5 and up. Teams must have a minimum of 4 people and a max of 8. Fee

### **AUGUST 6 BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR – HOME OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD**

James A. Garfield National Historic Site 8095 Mentor Avenue - Mentor 11:00 am - 1:00 pm See the Garfield home and property as you've never seen it before! This special two-hour tour takes you into rooms in the Garfield house not open to the normal public tour, including the basement and attic. You'll also explore the windmill, barn, and other outbuildings. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations recommended; please call 440-255-8722. Minimum age is 16. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to climb steps without difficulty. [www.nps.gov/jaga/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/jaga/index.htm)

### **AUGUST 13 RACCOON COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

This is the most unique music festival in NE Ohio. If you love music, you owe it to yourself to sample the variety of music served up during the Raccoon County Music Festival. Geauga (meaning Raccoon with Native Americans) County comes alive with a day of dancing, clapping and sing-alongs for all ages. While many are focused on the main stage, countless musicians band together throughout the grounds and spontaneously begin to jam. This event offers Polka, Blues, Country, Bluegrass and other music styles. Burton Century Village 14653 E. Part Street Burton, 440-834-4656. Members: Free Non Members: \$10.00

### **AUGUST 12-14 THE 5TH ANNUAL OHIO CELTIC FESTIVAL**

Welcome to the Ohio Celtic Festival!

We'll feature some of the very best in Celtic music, dance and our children's stage will feature lots of activities and shows for the children. Food and beverages in abundance for all ages, and some new events. Once again we'll bring you some exciting new musical groups some making their first visit to the greater Cleveland area. New entertainment and features are being added, so we hope you'll check back often. Like us on facebook to stay informed. Classic Park in Eastlake

### **AUGUST 13 CONCORD COMMUNITY DAYS – FAMILY DAY**

7229 Ravenna Road - Concord Township 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Parade, frog jump contest, Kid's World toy trains & planes, Battle of the Bands, craft beer, food trucks, Abbey Rodeo concert, fireworks and more! [www.concordtwp.com](http://www.concordtwp.com)

**AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21  
THE 160th LAKE COUNTY FAIR**  
Lake County Fairgrounds 1301 Mentor Avenue - Painesville Live entertainment, a midway of rides, and lots of fair food. Including a parade, live entertainment, horse shows, tractor pulls, livestock sales and competition, midway rides, and a host of fair food vendors. [www.lakecountyfair.org](http://www.lakecountyfair.org). General Admission is \$8.00.

### **AUGUST 19 CORN MAZE GRAND OPENING CORN ROAST**

Lake Metroparks Farmpark 5:30 to 9:30 pm Advanced registration required Discover and explore the theme of Farmpark's 2016 fun-filled three-acre corn maze. This first annual grand opening event will include a good old fashion barn dance, family fun games and competitions, corn related games and activities, and more. Meal includes freshly roasted corn, mouthwatering BBQ chicken, Jo

Jo fries and beverage. Make this a family night to remember. The Corn Maze Grand Opening Corn Roast is \$16 for ages 12 and older. Ages 2 to 11 are \$12. Advanced registration required. To register, visit [lakemetroparks.com](http://lakemetroparks.com) or call 440-358-7275.

### **AUGUST 20 DOGGIE DIP DAY**

Saturday, August 20, 1 – 4 p.m., Mentor Civic Center Park Pool, 8500 Munson Rd, Mentor will officially be going to the dogs! Bring your dog for a dip in the pool before it closes. Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated, leashed when not in the pool and owners must be prepared for clean up duty. Cost is \$4 per dog.

### **AUGUST 28 PARK OHIO OFFSHORE POWER- BOAT RACE**

START / FINISH LINE – Headlands State Park, end of Rt 44 – Free Race organizers state that the event will draw 40 to 50 powerboat racing teams from around the world. Upwards of 40,000 spectators are expected to attend. These are world-class offshore powerboats capable of reaching speeds of up to 200 MPH," said Mark Small, Promoter for the event and Captain of the #4 Cleveland Construction Offshore Racing Team. "These multi-million-dollar competition boats are supported by professional staff and crew from a dozen different countries. 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### **BEGINNING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29**

Camps, classes, workshops and private instruction in visual arts, dance, music and theatre for all ages and ability levels. Music Therapy and Art Therapy too! Registration now taking place. The Fine Arts Association, 38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby 44094 Call 440-951-7500 or visit [www.fineartsassociation.org](http://www.fineartsassociation.org) to register and for further information.



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